UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

ASTELLAS INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE, and STEM CELL & REGENERATIVE MEDICINE INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

C.A. No. 1:17-cv-12239

v.

IMSTEM BIOTECHNOLOGY, INC., XIAOFANG WANG, and REN-HE XU,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

NOW COMES Michael G. Kebede and hereby withdraws as counsel of record for Defendants in the above-captioned proceeding. Timothy R. Shannon, Esq. and Wayne A. Keown of this firm will continue to represent Defendants in this matter.

Dated: January 31, 2019 Respectfully submitted,

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